

# NOTICE OF SEX/KIDNAPPING OFFENDER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

The law, RCW 9A.44.130, requires sex/kidnapping offenders to register with the county sheriff. This requirement applies to anyone living in Washington State who has been convicted of or found to have committed a sex/kidnapping offense. This requirement applies to both adult and juvenile offenders and to persons found to have committed a sex/kidnapping offense who are acquitted by reason of insanity under Chapter 10.77 RCW, Criminally Insane.

**REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW:** Persons required to register must go in person to the sheriff's office in the county where they reside and provide the following information:

\* Name

- \* Place of employment
- \* Date and place of conviction
- \* Social Security Number

\* Address

\* Crime for which convicted

\* Alias(es)

\* Date/place of birth

NOTE: The county sheriff will photograph and fingerprint persons registered and send this information to the state patrol.

- \* Persons released or discharged from the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Department of Corrections (DOC), Indeterminate Sentencing Review Board (ISRB), federal or military custody with a registration requirement must register with the county sheriff where they reside within 24 hours of the time of release.
- \* Sex/kidnapping offenders who move/return to Washington State, who are not under the jurisdiction of DOC, the ISRB, or DSHS at the time of the move, must register with the county sheriff where they reside within 3 days of establishing residence.
- \* Sex/kidnapping offenders who move/return to Washington State, who are under the jurisdiction of DOC, the ISRB, or DSHS at the time of the move, must register with the county sheriff where they reside within 24 hours of establishing residence.
- \* If a person required to register moves to a new address:

Within the same county - A written notice of the change of address must be sent to the county sheriff within 72 hours of moving.

In a different county - A written notice must be sent to the new county sheriff 14 days before moving. The person must register in person with the new county sheriff within 24 hours of move. A written notice must be sent to the county sheriff where last registered within 10 days of move.

<u>PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER</u>: A person may be guilty of a Class C felony if they knowingly fail to comply with any of the requirements. If the crime for which convicted or found to have committed was a felony or a federal or out-of-state conviction for an offense that would be a felony in Washington. If the crime was less than felony, failure to register is a gross misdemeanor.

**LENGTH OF REGISTRATION:** The length of registration depends upon the sex/kidnapping offense for which convicted or found to have committed (check one of the following):

| Your offense was a <b>Class A felony</b> and/or you have one or more prior convictions for a sex offense or kidnapping offense. You are required to register for <b>life</b> unless relieved of the duty to register.   |
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| Your offense was a <b>Class B felony</b> and you do not have one or more prior convictions for a sex offense or kidnapping offense. You are required to register for <b>15 consecutive years</b> without being convicted of any new offenses following release from confinement, unless relieved of the duty to register. |
| Your offense was a <b>Class C felony</b> and you do not have one or more prior convictions for a sex offense or kidnapping offense. You are required to register for <b>10 consecutive years</b> without being convicted of any new offenses following release from confinement, unless relieved of the duty to register. |

Please see back of this form for information regarding relief of duty to register.

## Registration Requirements

A sex offender subject to registration requirements who applies to change his or her name shall submit a copy of the application to the county sheriff of the county of the person's residence and to the State Patrol not fewer than five (5) days before the entry of an order granting the name change.

You must pre-register with the Department of Social and Health Services prior to your release.

Any adult or juvenile sex/kidnapping offender who is admitted to a public or private institution of higher education shall, within 10 days of enrolling or by the first business day after arriving at the institution, notify the sheriff for the county of the person's residence of the person's intent to attend the institution.

Those persons currently enrolled in a public or private institution of higher education on the effective date of this act must notify the county sheriff immediately.

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#### **Registration Requirements (continued)**

Any adult or juvenile who is attending, or planning to attend, a public or private school regulated under Title 28A RCW or chapter 72.40 RCW shall, within ten days of enrolling or prior to arriving at the school to attend classes, whichever is earlier, notify the sheriff for the county of the person's residence of the person's intent to attend the school, and the sheriff shall promptly notify the principal of the school.

Any person who lacks a fixed residence must report in person to the sheriff of the county where he or she is registered within 24 hours. Any person lacking a fixed residence must report in person to the county sheriff's office on a weekly basis. The weekly report will be on a day specified by the county sheriff's office and shall occur during normal business hours. Any person who lacks a fixed residence may be required to provide a list of the locations where he/she has stayed during the last seven (7) days. The lack of a fixed residence shall make a person subject to disclosure to the public at large.

Any person who lacks a fixed residence, and leaves the county in which he or she is registered and enters and remains within a new county for 24 hours, must register with the county sheriff not more than 24 hours after entering the county.

Any person under supervision who lacks a fixed residence must register in the county of their supervision.

Any adult or juvenile who is designated as a risk Level II or Level III must report, in person, every ninety days to the sheriff of the county where he or she is registered. Reporting shall be on a day specified by the county sheriff's office, and shall occur during normal business hours. An offender who complies with the ninety day reporting requirement with no violations for a period of at least five years in the community may petition the superior court to be relieved of the duty to report every ninety days.

### Relief of duty to register:

Any person having a duty to register may petition the superior court to be relieved of that duty.

The petition shall be made to the court in which the person was convicted of the offense that subjects him or her to the duty to register. In the case of convictions in other states, a foreign county, or a federal or military court, a person shall petition the Thurston County superior court.

The prosecuting attorney of the county shall be named and served as the respondent in any such petition.

The court shall consider the following:

- The nature of the offense committed for which registration is required.
- Criminal and relevant non-criminal behavior of the petitioner both before and after conviction.

The court may consider other factors when deciding whether or not there is clear and convincing evidence that you may be relieved of the requirement to register.

You may want to have an attorney help you with this petition.

#### **Verification of address:**

Once each year the County Sheriff will send by certified mail a verification form of the offender's address. The offender must sign and return the verification form within 10 days to the County Sheriff.

I have read or have had read to me this <u>Notice of Sex/Kidnapping Offender Registration Requirements</u> and the foregoing conditions and requirements. Each of these conditions/requirements has been explained to me and I hereby agree to comply with them.

| CLIENT'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT) |            | CLIENT'S SIGNATURE     |                   | DATE         |
|------------------------------|------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| DSHS ID NUMBER               | BIRTH DATE | SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER | COUNTY OF RELEASE | RELEASE DATE |
| WITNESS' NAME (PLEASE PRINT) |            | WITNESS' SIGNATURE     |                   | DATE         |